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Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit the Annual Report on the health and welfare of the Urban District and the duties carried out by the Health Department in the year 1966.

There has been a slight increase in the population compared to last year. The birth rate was 17.24 per 1,000. The death rate has slightly decreased from last year to 11.54 per 1,000. The Infant Mortality is slightly higher than last year compared with the rate for England and Wales.

Broadly speaking the health of the community has been good, there being no serious outbreaks of any infectious disease. Efforts to improve the immunity of the community against some of the infectious diseases were continued.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the Chairman and Members of the Council, the various General Practitioners in the district, the Hospital Consultants, Dr. Crone of the Public Health Laboratory, the various Chief Officers and their staff, and the members of my own department for the valuable help and co-operation during the year.

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## ANNUAL REPORT, 1966



### Members of the Health Committee, 1966

Chairman of Health Committee: Mr. J. Avery, J.P., 12, Railway Terrace, New Herrington.

#### Houghton Ward

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Councillor J. Bartley, 32, Burns Avenue North, Houghton-le-Spring.  
Councillor A. Belton, 58, Gillas Lane, Houghton-le-Spring.  
Councillor E. Bramfitt, 32, Mautland Street, Houghton-le-Spring.  
Councillor R. Geddes, 27, Ironside Street, Houghton-le-Spring.  
Councillor G. Henderson, 47, Shakespeare Street, Houghton-le-Spring.  
Alderman H. Hodgson, 26, Jubilee Cottages, Houghton-le-Spring.  
Councillor E. Kelly, J.P., 14, Burns Avenue South, Houghton-le-Spring.  
Councillor Mrs. M. E. Scholick, 8, Mount Pleasant, Houghton-le-Spring.

#### Penshaw Ward

Councillor G. D. Edgar, Langley House, Penshaw.  
Councillor J. Hamilton, 1a, Ivy Terrace, Shiney Row.  
Councillor T. R. Hunt, 18, Hindsons Crescent South, Shiney Row.  
Councillor J. Mawston, 10, Hindsons Crescent North, Shiney Row.  
Councillor W. J. McKinley, 91, Whitefield Crescent, Penshaw.  
Councillor I. S. Oliver, 64, Wensleydale Avenue, Penshaw.  
Councillor Mrs. M. E. Porter, 33, Wensleydale Avenue, Penshaw.  
Councillor S. Webster, 24, Avondale Avenue, Penshaw.  
Councillor T. Willis, 12, Brentwood Road, Shiney Row.

#### Fence Houses Ward

Councillor Mrs. P. Alderson, 78, Avenue Vivian, Fence Houses.  
Councillor Mrs. M. Brown, 52, Front Street, Fence Houses.  
Councillor M. Dowell, 24, Cedar Terrace, Fence Houses.

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Councillor E. Dawson, 4, St. Cuthberts Road, Newbottle.  
Councillor L. R. Holmes, 4, Lumley Crescent, Philadelphia.  
Councillor W. E. Marshall, 14, Hazel Terrace, Newbottle.



## **Public Health Officers and Staff of the Authority**

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The Staff consists of:—

**MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH:** Dr. P. A. Y. Narayanan, M.B., B.S., D.T.M. & H., D.P.H. Conjoint appointment with Hetton Urban District Council, Washington Urban District Council, Sunderland Rural District Council and Assistant Medical Officer for Durham County Council.

**SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR AND CLEANSING SUPERINTENDENT:** N. Pounder. Whole time. Holds Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute and Certificate for the Inspection of Meat and Other Foods. Also acts as Factory and Workshops Inspector and Inspector under the Shops Act and Petroleum Acts.

**DEPUTY SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR:** W. Snowball. Whole time. Holds Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute and Certificate for the Inspection of Meat and Other Foods.

**ADDITIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR:** J. R. Hall. Whole time. Holds Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute and Certificate for the Inspection of Meat and Other Foods.

**PUPIL PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR:** R. Marshall.

**SURVEYOR AND ENGINEER:** A. Veitch. Whole-time. Associate Member of Institution of Municipal Engineers, Associate Member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.

**CLERK:** Mrs. A. Smith.

**CLERK TYPIST:** Miss J. Wardle to July, 1966. Miss M. Balmer from August, 1966.

**JUNIOR CLERK TYPIST:** Miss L. Atkinson (part-time).

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## **Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area**

Area in acres—5,026.

Registrar General's Estimate of resident population—mid-year 1966—31,190.

Number of inhabited houses (end of 1966) according to Rate Books—10,705.

Rateable Value—£686,809.

Sum represented by a penny rate—£2,650.

# Health Services administered by the County Council

The County Council are the Local Health Authority under the National Health Service Act and are responsible for the following services:—

Ambulance	Domestic Helps
Home Nursing	Health Visitors
Vaccination—Smallpox and Poliomyelitis	Child Welfare and Maternity Services
Immunisation against Diphtheria	School Medical Services
Welfare of the Aged	Care of the Blind and certain other handicapped persons

The County Council are also responsible for the administration of Part III of the National Insurance Act, 1948.

**FOOD AND DRUGS INSPECTORS** are also appointed by and work under the direction of the County Council.

The Ministry of Agriculture are responsible for the carrying out of the routine examination of the cow population throughout the County in order to maintain and raise the standard of the health of the cows, this work being carried out by their own Veterinary Inspectors.

## Vital Statistics

### Births and Birth Rate

The nett number of live births (as corrected by the Registrar General for the outward and inward transfers) during 1966 was 538 compared with 506 for 1965.

Sex and legitimacy are shown thus:—

		Total			}	Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated population 17.24.
		Male	Female			
Live Births	{ Legitimate	520	296	224	}	
	{ Illegitimate	18	8	10		

The Registrar General states the Birth Rate per 1,000 population in England and Wales (live births) was 17.7 for 1966.

Illegitimate births per cent of total live births was 3.34.

Year	Total live births	Males	Females	Rate per 1,000 population	Excess births over deaths
1957	577	294	283	18.49	210
1958	565	275	290	18.00	217
1959	551	283	268	17.5	228
1960	582	285	297	18.44	231
1961	565	308	257	18.42	228
1962	605	305	300	19.66	238
1963	575	282	293	18.67	215
1964	575	298	277	18.50	237
1965	506	256	250	16.23	129
1966	538	304	234	17.24	178

Still Births—During 1966 there were 8 still births in the district.

		Total Male Female			
Still Births	{	Legitimate	8	4	
	{	Illegitimate	—	—	

(Total live and still births was 546 for 1966.)

Still Births for England and Wales was 15.4.

### Deaths and Death Rate

The Registrar General reports that during 1966 360 persons normally residing in the Urban Area died, being 184 males and 176 females.

The death rate was, therefore, 11.54 per 1,000 population.

This compares with 12.09 for 1965. (Death rate in England and Wales was 11.4 for 1966.)

### Deaths from Puerperal Causes

There were no deaths among women from puerperal sepsis and none from other puerperal causes.

The Maternal mortality rate was 0.00 per 1,000 live and still births.

### Death Rate of Infants under One Year

14 children died during 1966 before attaining the age of one year, being 7 legitimate males and 7 legitimate females, equivalent to an Infantile Mortality Rate of 26.02 (per 1,000 live births) compared to 19.00 (per 1,000 live births) for England and Wales.

During 1966 14 children died before attaining the age of one year.

Infantile mortality rate per 1,000 legitimate live births was 26.92.

Infantile mortality rate per 1,000 illegitimate births was 00.00.



Death rate of infants under one year of age according to the total number of live births and legitimacy for the years 1957-1966.

Year		All Infants per 1000 live births		Legitimate Infants per 1000 legitimate live births		Illegitimate Infants per 1000 illegitimate live births
1957	...	13.8	...	13.8	...	00.00
1958	...	30.08	...	28.31	...	76.15
1959	...	18.14	...	18.86	...	00.00
1960	...	24.05	...	24.60	...	00.00
1961	...	26.54	...	27.22	...	00.00
1962	...	24.79	...	25.59	...	00.00
1963	...	15.65	...	16.24	...	47.61
1964	...	15.65	...	16.48	...	00.00
1965	...	19.76	...	14.52	...	00.125
1966	...	26.02	...	26.92	...	00.00

Of the 14 infants who died under one year of age, the cause of death was attributed to Prematurity in 4 cases, Pneumonia in 1 case, 3 Congenital Malformations and 9 Other Causes. Of these, 12 children died under 1 week and 1 under 4 weeks, being 7 males and 7 females, equivalent to 50.0 per cent of the total deaths under one year.

Nett Live Births—Legitimate				Illegitimate			
		Males	Females	Males	Females		
Corrected as per Registrar General	...	296	224	8	10	=	538
Nett Deaths	...	7	7	—	—	=	14

DISTRIBUTION OF DEATHS AND AGE INCIDENCE IN HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING URBAN DISTRICT

Under 4 weeks		4 weeks & under 1 yr		1 year		5 years		15 years		25 years		35 years		45 years.		55 years.		65 years.		75 years & over.		Totals	
M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
-	-	7	7	1	2	1	1	2	2	-	1	10	1	7	8	34	23	53	46	69	85	184	176

## Causes of Death in Houghton-le-Spring Urban District during 1966

Causes of Death.						Male	Female
1.	Tuberculos	s, respiratory	...	...	...	1	1
2.	Syphilitic	disease	...	...	...	—	—
3.	Malignant	neoplasm, stomach	...	...	...	5	2
4.	Malignant	neoplasm, lung, bronchus	...	...	...	11	2
5.	Malignant	neoplasm, breast	...	...	...	—	5
6.	Malignant	neoplasm, uterus	...	...	...	—	2
7.	Other malignant	and lymphatic neoplasms	...	...	...	19	13
8.	Diabetes	...	...	...	...	1	1
9.	Vascular lesions	of nervous system	...	...	...	31	31
10.	Coronary disease	angina	...	...	...	36	40
11.	Hypertension	with heart disease	...	...	...	2	2
12.	Other heart	disease	...	...	...	14	20
13.	Other circulatory	disease	...	...	...	6	5
14.	Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	16	18
15.	Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	12	3
16.	Other diseases	of respiratory system	...	...	...	2	1
17.	Ulcer of stomach	and duodenum	...	...	...	2	1
18.	Gastritis, enteritis	and diarrhoea	...	...	...	—	1
19.	Nephritis and	nephrosis	...	...	...	2	1
20.	Congenital	malformations	...	...	...	2	2
21.	Other defined	and ill-defined diseases	...	...	...	13	14
22.	Motor vehicle	accidents	...	...	...	2	1
23.	All other	accidents	...	...	...	4	9
24.	Suicide	...	...	...	...	2	1
25.	Homicide and	operations of war	...	...	...	1	—
All causes						184	176

Certain Specified Causes of Death

(a) TUBERCULOSIS:

During 1966 there were 2 deaths from pulmonary tuberculosis. There were no deaths from non-pulmonary tuberculosis.

(b) CARDIO-VASCULAR DISEASE:

Cardio-Vascular Disease was, as in former years, the chief cause of death throughout the area; 187 persons—being 89 males and 98 females—were certified to have died from this cause. This is equivalent to 51.94 of the total deaths and a mortality rate of 5.99 per 1,000 population.

Comparative Table:—

Year	Total Deaths All Causes	Deaths due to Heart Disease			Death Rate per 1000 population		Percentage Total Deaths due to Heart Disease
		Total	M	F	All Causes	Heart Disease	
1957	367	183	109	74	11.76	5.87	49.86
1958	348	181	104	77	11.08	5.76	52.01
1959	323	173	98	75	10.26	5.49	53.56
1960	351	176	98	78	11.12	5.57	50.14
1961	337	182	104	78	10.98	5.93	54.00
1962	367	186	106	80	11.93	6.04	50.69
1963	360	197	106	91	11.69	6.39	54.72
1964	338	178	104	74	10.87	5.72	52.13
1965	377	197	106	91	12.09	6.32	52.25
1966	360	187	89	98	11.54	5.99	51.94

(c) CANCER:

59 deaths—being 35 males and 24 females—were due to cancer. This is equivalent to a mortality rate of 1.89 per 1,000 population or 16.39% of the total deaths.

Comparative table of deaths due to cancer for the years 1957-1966

		Number of Deaths				Mortality Rate per 1,000 pop.
		Male		Female	Total	
1957	...	27	...	28	55	1.76
1958	...	44	...	22	66	2.13
1959	...	31	...	27	58	1.84
1960	...	32	...	36	68	2.15
1961	...	28	...	30	58	1.89
1962	...	32	...	31	63	2.04
1963	...	30	...	26	56	1.81
1964	...	31	...	28	59	1.89
1965	...	24	...	30	54	1.73
1966	...	35	...	24	59	1.89



# Prevalence of, and Control over Infectious and other Diseases

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During 1966 some 407 cases of infectious disease (including all forms of Tuberculosis) were notified, a decrease of 231 compared with the number of cases during 1965.

**Scarlet Fever:** 2 cases were notified as against 15 in 1965 and one of these was admitted to hospital.

The case incidence was 0.06 per 1,000 population.

**Diphtheria:** There were no cases of diphtheria in the district during 1966 as in 1965 and, therefore, no deaths from this cause. The incidence of diphtheria in the district was 0.00 per 1,000 population.

**Influenza:** No deaths were ascribed to influenza during 1966 as against 2 in 1965 and none in 1964.

There were 34 deaths as being ascribed to pneumonia as against 37 in 1965, while the number of cases of pneumonia notified was none as against 3 in 1965 and 2 in 1964.

**Measles, Whooping Cough and Erysipelas:** In 1966 there were 377 cases of measles and 4 cases of whooping cough as against 549 measles and 5 cases of whooping cough in 1965.

There were no deaths from measles or whooping cough during the year.

**Poliomyelitis:** During 1966 no cases of poliomyelitis were notified in the area, being a case incidence of 0.00 per 1,000 population.

**School Notification of Disease:** No fresh cases of any notifiable disease were notified from the schools.

CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES DURING 1966 — SHOWING AGE, INCIDENCE AND DISTRIBUTION

ADMISSION TO HOSPITAL AND CASE RATES

Disease	Under 1 year	1 year	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 - 9 years	10-14 years	15-24 years	25-44 years	45-64 years	65 & over	Totals	Hou-ghion	Pen-shaw	Fence Ho'ses	New-bottle	Herr-ington	Hos-pital	No. per 1 000 pop	Total Deaths
Measles	17	58	46	73	62	119	2					377	72	197	39	34	35		12.08	....
Whooping Cough	1		2			1						4		2		1	1		.12	....
Scarlet Fever			1		1							2	1	1					.06	....
Pneumonia												0							.00	34
Dysentery						1		1	1		1	4		2		2			.12	....
Erysipelas												0							.00	....
Puerperal Pyrexia												0							.00	....
Pulmonary Tuberculosis				1			1		7	7	1	17	4	5	6	1	1		.54	2
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis									3			3	1	1	1				.09	....
TOTALS	18	58	49	74	63	121	3	1	11	7	2	407	78	208	46	38	37	—		36

## IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION, 1966

### COMPLETED PRIMARY COURSES

		Year of Birth					Others under age 16	Total
		1966	1965	1964	1963	1959-62		
Diphtheria	...	153	235	25	5	199	168	785
Whooping Cough		152	235	25	3	15	4	434
Tetanus	...	153	235	25	5	204	167	789
*Poliomyelitis	...	20	107	51	16	26	31	251

### REINFORCING DOSES

		Year of Birth					Others under age 16	Total
		1966	1965	1964	1963	1959-62		
Diphtheria	...	—	51	129	36	483	325	1,024
Whooping Cough		—	48	129	36	68	9	290
Tetanus	...	—	51	129	36	269	119	604
*Poliomyelitis	...	—	1	4	2	61	15	83

\* Poliomyelitis figures do not include those bulked in figures obtained from the Area Office for the whole Area.

### SMALLPOX

#### (1) Primary Vaccinations

Under 1 year	...	5
1 year	...	136
2— 4 years	...	28
5—15 years	...	7
16+ years	...	12

Total ... 188

#### (2) Revaccinations

2— 4 years	...	1
5—15 years	...	3
16+ years	...	12

Total ... 16

### B.C.G. Vaccination

Number tested	...	...	...	...	...	378
Number positive	...	...	...	...	...	47
Number negative and vaccinated	...	...	...	...	...	323
Number absent at time of reading	...	...	...	...	...	8

### School Schemes

	Primary Course				Booster
Diphtheria	...	...	...	1	327
Diphtheria/Tetanus	...	...	...	281	190
Poliomyelitis	...	...	...	247	629



Area No. 5 — Houghton

B.C.G. VACCINATION

School	Consents	Given Skin Test		Date of Skin Test	Positive Reactors		Negative Reactors Given B.C.G.		Date of B.C.G. Vacc.	No. Absent at time of Reading	Neg. Reactors not vacc. for med. reasons
		No.	%		No.	%	No.	%			
Houghton Grammar	123	120	97.6%	31/10/66	7	5.8%	111	92.5%	7/11/66	2	—
Houghton Modern...	73	70	95.9%	31/10/66	5	7.1%	64	91.4%	7/11/66	1	—
Houghton R.C. ...	27	27	100.0%	2/11/66	3	11.1%	24	88.9%	9/11/66	0	—
Shiney Row Modern	97	91	93.8%	1/11/66	8	8.8%	80	87.9%	8/11/66	3	—
Fence Houses T. Centre	45	38	84.4%	31/10/66	21	55.3%	15	39.5%	7/11/66	2	3 too young for vacc.
Newbottle Training C.	9	8	88.9%	31/10/66	2	25.0%	3	37.5%	7/11/66	0	
Newbottle Modern	29	27	93.1%	1/11/66	1	3.7%	26	96.3%	8/11/66	0	
TOTAL ...	403	381	—	—	47	—	323	—	—	8	3



# Tuberculosis

There has been no action taken during 1966 under the Public Health Act (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925 (relating to persons suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis employed in the milk trade), or Section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936 (relating to the compulsory removal to hospital of persons suffering from tuberculosis).

The following table shows the notifications of Tuberculosis, pulmonary and non-pulmonary, according to sex, for the period 1957-66.

Year	Pulmonary			Non-Pulmonary		
	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total
1957	11	12	23	1	2	3
1958	11	10	21	3	—	3
1959	12	5	17	3	2	5
1960	6	6	12	1	1	2
1961	2	2	4	3	1	4
1962	11	4	15	—	1	1
1963	5	5	10	1	4	5
1964	7	11	18	1	1	2
1965	5	2	7	—	1	—
1966	13	4	17	—	3	3

The following table shows the various age-period for males and females, at which new cases were notified and when death occurred.

Age Period			New Cases				Deaths			
			Pulmonary		Non-		Pulmonary		Non-	
					Pulmonary				Pulmonary	
			M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 year	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2— 4	...	...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5— 9	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10—14	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15—19	...	...	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
20—24	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25—34	...	...	1	1	—	2	—	—	—	—
35—44	...	...	4	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
45—54	...	...	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55—64	...	...	5	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
65—74	...	...	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
75 and over	...	...	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
			13	4	—	3	1	1	—	—

# Sanitary Circumstances of the Area

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## Water Supply

The water supply of the Urban area was taken over by the Sunderland and South Shields Water Company at the beginning of April, 1957.

The water supplied to the area has been satisfactory in quality and quantity.

Bacteriological examinations were made periodically of the water supplied, and of the 182 samples examined all were of satisfactory purity.

The water had no detectable plumbo-solvent action; the supply is chlorinated and no contamination has taken place.

There are approximately 11,795 dwellings connected to the Company's mains, serving approximately 31,190 persons, and there are no standpipes in the area.

## Housing

The number of houses in course of erection on the 31st December, 1966, was as follows:—

Council Houses	...	...	...	110
Private Houses	...	...	...	240

## Refuse Collection and Disposal

The 8 districts of house refuse collection in the Urban District are manned by 1 foreman, 8 driver/fillers, 26 fillers, 1 tractor driver, 2 refuse disposal men, 1 trade refuse/salvage collector. Vehicles user are 1 Karrier Bantam (capacity of 7 cu. yds.), 1 C.K.3., 7 Karrier Gamecocks (capacity of 10 cu. yds.), 1 Karrier Gamecock (capacity of 12 cu. yds.) and a diesel powered Fordson Super Major Tractor. (One new vehicle is supplied yearly.)

## Controlled Tipping

Controlled tipping is carried out at Cross Rigg Quarry, Old Penshaw. Unfortunately the site is naturally exposed to the strong north west winds. In order to prevent nuisance from papers blowing, wire netting fencing has been erected.

Sealing material to cover the exposed daily tipping face is becoming a problem. I have been fortunate in obtaining soil from local building

sites. If sealing material has to be purchased by the ton it can be an expensive item.

Domestic refuse is likely to go on getting bulkier because of the increasing use of packaging and disposable goods such as paper towels, paper tea-towels, etc., also the growing popularity of non-solid fuel forms of heating

Requests for the removal of unwanted furniture are increasing.

Manpower difficulties, vandalism, but above all the change in the nature of refuse now collected, are the main difficulties encountered in refuse disposal today.

The major proportion of the refuse collected is tipped at Cross Rigg Quarry, Old Penshaw, whilst the Newbottle Tip is held in reserve for winter months when road conditions are bad.

There is an increasing demand for the collection and removal of unwanted furniture, mattresses, etc.; this service prevents indiscriminate dumping in rural areas and open grounds. When large amounts have to be cleared a charge is made to recover the running cost of the vehicle and the labour involved.

### **Ashbins**

Private householders have purchased from the Council 74 good quality 2½ cu. ft. B.S.S. ashbins.

### **Salvage**

33 tons 6 cwts. of scrap tins were collected from the scavenging tips, realising £214/7/9.

### **Baled Cardboard and Paper Return for the Year**

Regular collections are made from all factories and business premises. Amount sold 29 tons 15 cwts., realising £208/5/0.

### **Camping and Caravan Sites**

The Lake caravan site is now under the ownership of the Showman's Guild for use as winter quarters, and no other site is available in the area for use of campers or caravanners.

### **Swimming Baths and Pools**

There are no publicly or privately owned swimming baths or pools in the district.



## Schools

The sanitary conditions of the schools were found to be generally satisfactory.

## Places of Entertainment

These premises are inspected regularly, with regard to sanitary arrangements, and a reasonable standard was found to exist.

## Licensed Premises

All licensed premises are inspected, and have been found to be kept in a clean and hygienic condition. The general trend is towards modernisation.

## Verminous Premises

There were no Verminous Premises notified during the year.

## Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963

During the year 228 visits were made by inspectors to premises registered under the Act.

### Registrations and General Inspections

Class of Premises	No. of premises registered during the year	Total number of registered premises at end of year	No. of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year
Offices ... ..	2	59	7
Retail Shops ... ..	10	153	107
Wholesale Shops, warehouses ... ..	2	6	3
Catering establishments, canteens ... ..	—	20	—
Fuel Storage depots ... ..	—	1	—

### Analysis of Persons Employed in Registered Premises by Workplace

Class of Workplace	No. of Persons Employed
Offices ... ..	818
Retail Shops ... ..	741
Wholesale Shops, warehouses ... ..	25
Catering Establishments ... ..	88
Canteens ... ..	—
Fuel Storage Depots ... ..	1
Total ...	1,673

82 notices have been served in appropriate cases.

Two accidents of a minor character were notified and investigated and particulars forwarded to H.M. Factory Inspectorate.



**Scrap Metal Dealers Act, 1964**

From the 1st July, 1966, under the provisions of the Scrap Metal Dealers Act, 1964, no person may carry on business as a scrap metal dealer unless he is registered by the Council. Scrap metal dealers are defined as persons

- (a) who occupy a scrap metal place in the Council's area; or
- (b) have their place of residence in the area; or
- (c) occupy a place in the area wholly or partly for the purpose of their business.

Twenty-one persons are registered with this Authority under the Act.

**Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949**

274 cases of rat, mouse and other infestations were reported and dealt with during the year.

Rodent and pest control throughout the area is the responsibility of the Health Department. Two fully trained rodent operators are employed one on full-time and the other assisting when necessary. The sewer treatment and other pest control is regularly carried out in the area.

Refuse disposal tips are regularly treated for rodent and fly control.

Ash-pit privies converted into water-closets...	...	Nil
Ash-closets converted into water-closets	...	Nil
Total number of water-closets in District	...	10,705
Total number of ash-closets in District	...	Nil
Total number of ash-pits privies in District	...	Nil

II. Water, Food and Drugs	Number	Remarks
Samples of Water taken for Analysis ...	182	
Samples of Water condemned as unfit for use ... ..	—	
Seizures of Unwholesome Food ... ..	—	
Convictions for exposing or selling Unwholesome Food ... ..	—	
Samples of Food and Drugs taken for Analysis ... ..	133	
Samples found Adulterated ... ..	Nil	
<b>III. Precautions against infectious Disease</b>		
Lots of Infectious Bedding stoved or destroyed ... ..	—	
Houses disinfected after Infectious Disease	—	
Schools disinfected after Infectious Disease	—	
Prosecutions for exposure of infected persons or things ... ..	—	
Convictions for exposure of infected persons or things ... ..	—	
<b>IV. General</b>		
Number of New Houses erected during year	350	Council 110
Number of such Houses occupied during year ... ..	350	Private 240

# Housing Conditions

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## Housing Statistics for the year 1966

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### Housing Acts, 1936-61

#### Particulars of Work carried out during the year

1. Clearance Areas, Section 42	...	...	...	...	Nil
2. Individual Unfit houses, Section 16-17, dealt with during the year	...	...	...	...	58
3. Parts of Buildings Closed, Section 18	...	...	...	...	Nil
4. Houses Demolished during the year, including Clearance Areas and Individual Unfit Houses	...	...	...	...	73
5. Individual Houses Made Fit following Informal Action					84

Owing to the shortage of “jobbing builders” and the cost of labour and materials it is exceedingly difficult to get any form of minor repair work completed.

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### Housing Improvements Act, 1949

	Discretionary Grants	Standard Grants
Applications submitted to Local Authority	11	81
Applications rejected	—	2
No. of applications approved since inception of scheme	527	338
No. of Grants paid since inception of scheme	494	270

## Housing

SITE	No. of houses erected prior to 1966	No. of houses erected during 1966	No. of houses in course of erection at 31/12/66	TOTAL
Racecourse Estate	468	—	—	468
Hetton Road ...	316	—	—	316
Hall Lane ...	177	—	—	177
Newtown ...	92	—	—	92
Market Place ...	87	3	—	90
North Rectory ...	74	—	—	74
Villa Estate ...	182	—	—	182
Burnside Estate ...	437	—	—	437
Homelands Est. ...	184	—	—	184
Cellar Hill Estate	144	—	—	144
South St., N'bottle	4	4	—	8
Sunniside ...	193	59	82	334
Success Estate ...	58	—	—	58
Hillside Estate ...	72	—	—	72
Chilton Moor Est.	168	—	—	168
Colliery Row Est.	76	—	—	76
Grange Estate ...	503	—	—	503
George St., F./H.	—	44	—	44
Durham Street ...	32	—	—	32
Sedgeleth Road...	40	—	—	40
St. Aidans Estate	138	—	—	138
Chester Road ...	311	—	—	311
Station Road ...	66	—	—	66
Penshaw Hill ...	96	—	—	96
New Penshaw ...	40	—	—	40
Barnwell Estate ...	595	—	—	595
Park Estate ...	268	—	—	268
Hindson Cres. S.	110	—	—	110
Hindson Cres. N.	256	—	—	256
Railway Tce., Penshaw	6	—	—	6
Arcon Estate ...	—	—	80	80
	5,193	110	162	5,465

110 houses were completed by direct labour and 162 were under construction at the end of 1966.

240 houses were built by private enterprise without state assistance and 60 were under construction on the 31st December, 1966. The numbers and location of Local Authority houses are shown on the above table.



# Inspection and Supervision of Food

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## **Milk Supplies**

During the year 35 samples of milk were taken by the D.C.C. for examination and generally were found satisfactory.

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## **Food and Drugs Acts, 1955.**

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## **Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960.**

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## **The Slaughterhouse (Hygiene) Regulations, 1958.**

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## **The Meat Inspections Regulations, 1963.**

100% inspection is carried out by your inspectors at the five licensed slaughterhouses within the Urban area. This entails daily visits, also Saturday and Bank Holiday inspection duties.

The following animals were slaughtered during the year:—

Cattle, 4,411; cows, 488; sheep and lambs, 21,796; calves, 67; pigs, 2,485; making a total of 29,247, all of which were inspected.

## Food and Drugs

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There were 213 food premises in the area, being:

Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	11
General Dealers	...	...	...	...	...	78
Fried Fish	...	...	...	...	...	28
Wet Fish	...	...	...	...	...	5
Butchers	...	...	...	...	...	23
Grocery and Provisions	...	...	...	...	...	30
Confectioners	...	...	...	...	...	15
Ice Cream Manufacturers	...	...	...	...	...	3
Greengrocers	...	...	...	...	...	7
S.D.O., Y.M.C.A. and Colliery Canteens	...	...	...	...	...	4
Supermarket	...	...	...	...	...	4
Snack Bar	...	...	...	...	...	5
						213

There are three dairies, A. E. Smith, B. English and Houghton Dairy Farms Co. Ltd., and the number of premises registered for the sale of Ice Cream is 105 being:—

General Dealers	...	...	...	...	...	55
Grocery	...	...	...	...	...	10
Confectioners	...	...	...	...	...	7
Cinemas	...	...	...	...	...	1
Greengrocers	...	...	...	...	...	7
Ice Cream Manufacturers	...	...	...	...	...	4
Colliery Canteen	...	...	...	...	...	2
Fish and Chip Shop	...	...	...	...	...	1
Petrol Filling Station	...	...	...	...	...	1
Snack Bar	...	...	...	...	...	4
Wine Stores	...	...	...	...	...	3
Supermarkets	...	...	...	...	...	2
Bingo Halls	...	...	...	...	...	2
Post Offices	...	...	...	...	...	2
Hairdressers	...	...	...	...	...	2
Newsagents	...	...	...	...	...	2
						105

Inspections are regularly carried out by the Public Health Inspectors of all food preparing premises and the standard is now very good. Owners and occupiers have co-operated with the Inspectorate in their efforts to obtain a high standard.

The average “shopper” is very appreciative of these efforts and gives these shopkeepers her support.

Dogs not “under control” are a nuisance to shopkeepers and owners of animals should leave them outside of food premises when shopping.

The results of inspections are contained in the following tables:

### CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed ... ..	4411	488	67	21796	2485
Number inspected ... ..	4411	488	67	21796	2485
All diseases except T.B.—					
Whole carcasses condemned...	5	5	2	120	22
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned ...	386	78	0	1284	110
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than T.B. ...	8.85	17.00	2.84	6.44	5.32
T.B. only—					
Whole carcasses condemned...	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned ...	—	—	—	—	1
Percentage of the number inspected affected with T.B.	—	—	—	—	0.04

### WEIGHT CONDEMNED (in Lbs.)

	Other Diseases			T.B.		
	Carcasses	Organs	Parts	Carcasses	Organs	Parts
Cattle— excl. Cows	1,280	7,347	1,079	—	—	—
Cows ...	1,910	1,385	645	—	—	—
Calves ...	120	—	—	—	—	—
Sheep ...	4,142	7,663	624	—	—	—
Pigs ...	1,660	661	1,156	—	—	10
	9,112	17,056	3,504	—	—	10

Total weight condemned approximately 13 tons, 5 cwts., 0 stones, 2 lbs.

## Unsound Food

Condemned meat and offal is disposed of for the manufacture of fats, fertilisers and animal feeding stuff, or if it is so diseased as to be unsuitable for such purpose it is destroyed.

Foods from retail premises are surrendered to the Health Department and are burned or destroyed and disposed of on the Council's tips.

338 tins fruit; 281 tins meat; 6 tins jam; 168 tins vegetables; 20 tins soup; 19 tins fish; 54 tins milk; 13 tins fruit juice; 8 tins cream; 46 tins milk pudding; 4 tins steam pudding; and 416 chocolate biscuits.

Total Weight:  $1,017\frac{3}{4}$  lbs. = 9 cwts, 0 stones  $9\frac{3}{4}$  lbs.

## Ice Cream

During the year 9 samples by the Health Department were submitted for bacteriological examination and were satisfactory. Much of the ice cream consumed is imported (pre-packed) into the district and sold by small retail shops. It is the practice to insist on an electric refrigerator for storage in these cases and to ensure that the premises and personnel are clean.



## Factories

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The following are the principal places within your district:

1. Philadelphia Engine Works and Repairing Shops.
2. N.E.E.B. Electrical Power Sub-Station.
3. Sunderland and District Omnibus Co.
4. Co-operative Stores and Workshops.
5. Gas Works.
6. Joinery Works.
7. Boring Tool Works.
8. Printing Works.
9. Builders Merchants.
10. Bakeries.
11. Sugar Confectioners.
12. Clothing Factories.
13. Iron Foundry.
14. Motor Repair Shops.
15. Boot Repair Shops.
16. Cement Blocks.
17. Building Works.
18. Packing Cases.
19. Travelling Cases.
20. Electrical Accessories.
21. Woodwork Machinery.
22. Light Engineering Works.
23. Cosmetic Factory.
24. Sausage Factory.
25. Coachbuilders.
26. Gown Manufacturers.

During the year these have been inspected and any nuisances or defects found were remedied without the necessity for formal action.

**1. Inspections for the purpose of provisions as to Health (including Inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).**

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	7	5	...	...
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...	64	34	1	...
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) ...	5	5	...	...
Total	76	44	1	...

**2. Defects Found.**

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found			Number of cases in which Pro-secutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S1) ...	1	1	...	...
Overcrowding (S2) ...	...	...	..	...
Unreasonable Temperature (S3) ...	...	..	...	...
Inadequate ventilation (S4) ...	1	1	...	...
Inef'ctive drainage of floors (S6) ...	...	...	...	...
Sanitary Conveniences (S7):				
Insufficient ... ..	..	..	...	..
Unsuitable or defective ...	2	2	..	...
Not separate for sexes ...	..	...	...	..
Other offences (Not including offences relat- ing to outwork) ... ..	3	3	...	...
Total ... ..	7	7	...	...



